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tion if it is possible to be obtained. It is a fact, however, that many physicians and nurses have a very slight acquaintance with these books and do not realize the desirability of official remedies over patent and proprietary preparations which have no supervised standards and many of which are unknown in composition. Copies of the Pharmacopeia and Formulary can be found in any medical library and in every pharmacy and even a fifteen-minute perusal would give one a general idea of their contents. To encourage and facilitate familiarity with these books among physicians the American Medical Association has published a book called "Epitome of the United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary" which sells at the small cost of fifty cents and is a most convenient reference book on the official drugs and their preparations.

The United States Pharmacopeia is translated into Spanish and recent authorization has been given for translation into Chinese. All civilized nations now have their own national pharmacopeias, but they vary so much that a prescription written by an American physician, for example, put up according to a foreign pharmacopeia might yield a medicine radically different from the one intended. In an attempt to remedy this situation an International Conference for the Unification of Formulas for Potent Remedies was held in Brussels in 1902. It was attended by delegates from all parts of the world and several recommendations formulated at that time have been very generally adopted. The most important of these was that all potent tinctures be ten per cent in strength and all fluid extracts be one hundred per cent. Several unofficial international pharmacopeias have been prepared which give a comparative digest of the material contained in all the important national pharmacopeias and there is a strong tendency toward uniformity.

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#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEANS OF WOMEN

This Association has recently published its ninth Annual Report. The papers on the Construction and Management of Dormitories contain much that should interest those who are planning nurses' homes. Blanche Geary of the National Y. W. C. A., writing on "Certain governing conditions in the preparation of floor plans for dormitories for women students," has the following to say on "Privacy": "The specialist on floor plans for halls of residence for women, whether students or wage earners in the business or professional world, having in mind their need for conditions making for perfect health, cannot afford to overlook the connection between crowd-nerves and the prevalent absence of privacy. Lacking teachers, classrooms are crowded; lacking houses, homelife is crowded \* \* \* Membership in the Association of Deans of Women would seem to have much to offer the directors of our university schools of nurses. The secretary is Dean Florence K. Root, Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, Pa.